

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kiara Moore upon her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.1 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.4 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, they are the backbone of our communities, and by giving their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that it will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Kiara Moore of Morristown is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a junior at Morristown East High School, Kiara Moore is a peer tutor to disadvantaged students and serves on the school's Nutritional Advisory Council; she also volunteers at basketball clinics and anti-bullying programs for a local elementary school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore volunteers for Africa to Appalachia, an organization that highlights community members through music and art, and Food on Foot, a local ministry that provides food to local students when school is not in session; as a member of Little Sisters in Action, a youth study group, she visits local nursing homes, purchases toys for Toys for Tots, and prepares backpacks for students; and

WHEREAS, Kiara Moore exhibits her devout religious faith as a member of Bethel Baptist Church, where she participates in youth activities and is a role model for the younger children; she leads her church group in preparing 200 boxes for children in other countries as part of the Operation Christmas Child program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moore is a model citizen, and her commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Kiara Moore for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.